



## **RETIRED STAFF ASSOCIATION**

**Issue 4, September 2005**

### **UERSA Jubilee celebrations**

Most members, I'm sure, are aware that 2005-6 is our Golden Jubilee Year; in 1955 the University College of the South West vanished and the University of Exeter sprang into existence. UERSA is celebrating this event with a buffet lunch in Reed Hall on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October, with a complimentary glass of wine thrown in (further wine can be purchased as required during the lunch). We have invited Barry Behenna to give us a short talk about these last 50 momentous years. Although this is a buffet lunch, plenty of tables and seats will be provided – we've all got past the stage of being prepared to stand around balancing glasses and overfull plates. Full details are given on the form attached to this Newsletter. Please complete it and return it by 3<sup>rd</sup> October if you wish to come.

To see the full programme of events for the Jubilee Year access the website:

<http://www.exeter.ac.uk/goldenjubilee/calendar.htm> or contact the Press and PR Office, Northcote House, for an events programme (email: [e.a.hull@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:e.a.hull@exeter.ac.uk))

### **General notes**

**Membership:** our membership is now increased to 334 (from 322 in May). At this time of year when many staff will be retiring we hope to welcome even more members. Do remind any friends or colleagues reaching retirement of the benefits of UERSA and of the privileges which retired staff enjoy, notably access to email and some IT facilities, and borrowing rights in the University Library (provided they acquire the appropriate University Card obtainable from the Card Office – see UERSA Newsletter 2 for details).

**University courses:** it was hoped that retired staff might get concessionary rates if they enrolled on University courses. Sadly this is not the case – full fees must be paid.

**Email v. Snailmail:** this is a further plea to all members to consider receiving UERSA information by email rather than conventional post, as this very substantially cuts down our costs – and speeds up the dissemination of information. Nevertheless we are well aware that some members do not and will never have computer access and we will of course continue to send UERSA information to them by post.

### **Annual General Meeting**

UERSA has now been in existence for nearly a year and the time for the 2<sup>nd</sup> AGM is approaching. This will take place in the Moot Room (Amory Building) on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 6 p.m. Those attending will be rewarded with a glass of wine at the conclusion of the Meeting. A full Agenda is attached to this Newsletter. If members wish to introduce other matters for discussion these should be conveyed to the Secretary (Jan Reynolds) of the Executive Committee in writing, at least a fortnight before the AGM, together with a proposer and a seconder for any motion put forward.

## **Subscriptions**

In view of the comparatively healthy state of UERSA's finances, the Committee will be recommending that the subscription for 2005/2006 should remain at £6 for single or joint membership. Subscription renewals are due on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2005. However, the Treasurer or Membership Secretary will accept subscription payments from those attending the AGM on 20<sup>th</sup> October, which will save those members the trouble of renewal by post. All cheques should be made payable to "The University of Exeter". Members who have not renewed by 1<sup>st</sup> November will be deemed to have resigned from UERSA.

## **Forthcoming events**

Jubilee Buffet Lunch, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 12-2 p.m., Reed Hall. (see above and form attached to this Newsletter)

Lecture by the Vice-Chancellor: The Vice-Chancellor has kindly agreed to address the Association on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November in the Xfi Centre (next to Streatham Court) , on the subject "The Current State of the University". The Lecture will last from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will be followed by a glass of wine and an opportunity to meet and chat. A small charge of £4 per person will be made. Please complete the application form attached to this Newsletter if you would like to come.

Two talks in Reed Hall: On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 3 – 5p.m., in the Veitch Room, Reed Hall, the Rev. David Luce will give a talk entitled "Life under the German Occupation in the Channel Islands". On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, also in the Veitch Room, 3 – 5p.m. Dick Passmore will give a talk entitled "Bits and Pieces"; Mr Passmore will be sharing his unrivalled knowledge of Exeter and its surroundings. The number of seats for both these talks is limited; to ensure a place phone Dennis Lane on 01392 279420.

Christmas Luncheon: It is proposed to hold a Christmas Luncheon at the Devon Hotel, Matford on 7<sup>th</sup> December. The food will be provided by the Carvery (which for those of you who shrink at the prospect of turkey provides alternatives, including vegetarian). A complimentary glass of wine will greet you as you arrive in Reception, and further drinks can be acquired from the hotel bar. If members have special dietary needs the hotel can cater for these if informed in advance. There is ample free parking. If members who come from some distance would like to stay overnight the hotel is offering special accommodation rates: Room only £30.00 per night (based on two sharing), room and breakfast £35.00 per night (based on two sharing, single supplement £10. If you wish to avail yourselves of this offer (it is less than half their current rate) please contact the hotel direct, explaining that you are attending the UERSA Christmas Carvery Luncheon, tel: 01392 259268. Please complete the form attached to this Newsletter if you would like to come.

Commemoration of the Battle of Trafalgar: The Exeter Branch of the Historical Association has arranged a lecture on Trafalgar by Dr Michael Duffy to be given on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 5 p.m. in the Moot Room. All welcome. The lecture is co-sponsored by the University of Exeter Centre for Maritime Studies, of which Dr Duffy is Director.

Anyone who is interested in joining the Exeter Branch of the Historical Association should contact Dr Bruce Coleman, Department of History, Amory Building.

## **Reports on General Events**

The Garden Party at Reed Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> June seems to have been a great success, with many appreciative comments received. The weather gods were certainly in benign mood, giving us the only fine day in a week of wet weather. We hope to repeat the process next year, perhaps expanding into two parties, one in the spring and one later in the year.

## **Group Reports**

The Garden Group has been to Cothay Manor on the Devon/Somerset border - a most interesting medieval house and "roomed" garden. The Walkers have been testing (and occasionally exhausting) themselves on Dartmoor and round Kentisbeare, with several more walks planned; the Walking Group continues to be very active and a full account of past and future events is available on the UERSA web site. The Restaurant Group has been having some most satisfactory (over)indulgences at Jack-in-the-Green and Chagford. The Music Group is off to Plymouth for a performance of "The Marriage of Figaro" in November. More reports of other Groups' activities would be welcome: send to Laurie Burbridge for the Web Site and to me (Sue Guy, Editor) for inclusion in the Newsletter.

Two further points about Groups:

Leaders: please let Cynthia Ransome know the dates of your various events, to avoid clashes.

Members: do please join any Group which interests you. Only members of Groups get to know about all these fascinating outings, so you may be missing something if you don't join. To do so contact the Membership Secretary Sandy Simpson, address: 10 Hammond Croft Way, Exeter EX2 8FZ, tel.01392 213506, email: Sandy@buntline.freemove.co.uk.

## **University of Exeter Photographic Archive – can you help?**

Location: Special Collections Department, Old Library.

Archivist: Charlotte Berry (email: c.j.berry@exeter.ac.uk; tel: 01392 263879)

This collection of photographs has been created by various departments of the University over time. Many of the photographs for the mid and late 20<sup>th</sup> century have been taken by John Saunders, the University Photographer, in the Photographic Unit in the Old Library (now closed). The photographs within the Collection have been assembled from Jill Baines, Development Officer, Gina Cox, Fine Art Curator, donations to Special Collections archives, and the Modern Records Centre in Northcote House.

The Collection covers the history of the University and its predecessor institutions, including St Luke's College. It contains photographs of staff and students from the early 20th century and covers in detail the mammoth building programme for the Streatham Campus, especially in the 1950s and 1960s. Key events, such as the presentation of the University Charter, visits by royalty, degree congregations are represented, along with student and academic life, including Guild and Athletics Union activities.

UERSA Members, with their long memories, could be of great assistance in identifying some of the places, people and events depicted. While we have been able to arrange the photographs in three broad categories of Places, People, Events, the finer detail in many cases eludes us. If any members would like to give a hand please contact Charlotte (see above). All help will be most gratefully received.



## **RETIRED STAFF ASSOCIATION**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**On**

**Thursday, 20th October 2005, at 6 p.m.**

**Moot Room, Amory Building**

This is a chance for members to hear what's been going on during the past year, to shape the future of UERSA and to have a glass of wine with friends and past colleagues; you can also pay your subscription for 2005/2006!

#### **Agenda**

- 1 To note the minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of UERSA, held on 8th October 2004.
- 2 Chairman's report
- 3 Treasurer's report
- 4 To agree the subscription rates for 2005/2006
- 5 Election of Committee for 2005/2006  

(In the interests of continuity, all of the existing committee have agreed to serve for another year. However, new members are still welcome)
- 6 Election of President Elect  

(The committee wishes to propose Professor John Bridge as President Elect for 2006/2007)
- 7 Report on the activities of Special Interest Groups
- 8 Suggestions for future activities and events
- 9 Any other business

**Followed by an informal wine reception**



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**UERSA CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

**Devon Hotel, Matford,**

**Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup>**

**12.30 for 1.00 p.m.**

The cost for those attending is £17.20 per person.

Please complete the following tear-off slip and send it to **Cynthia Ransome**, the Social Secretary, 4 Cheriswood Close, Exmouth, EX8 4DZ by **1<sup>st</sup> November at the latest and preferably as soon as possible, as numbers are limited.**

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I/We would like to come to the Christmas Luncheon on December 7th

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**VICE-CHANCELLOR'S LECTURE**

**"The Current State of the University"**

**Xfi Lecture Theatre,**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2005, 7 pm – 8 pm**

**followed by a wine reception in the Atrium at Xfi**

The cost is £4 per person.

Please complete the following tear-off slip and send it to **Cynthia Ransome**, Social Secretary, 4 Cheriswood Close, Exmouth EX8 4DZ **by Friday November 4th**

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**UERSA JUBILEE BUFFET LUNCH**

**Reed Hall, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October,**

**12 noon – 2 p.m., Woodbridge Suite**

The cost for those attending is £12 per person.

Please complete the following tear-off slip and send it to **Cynthia Ransome**, the Social Secretary, 4 Cheriswood Close, Exmouth, EX8 4DZ by **3<sup>rd</sup> October**.

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