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1. Branch meeting -

Monday 14th October 2019

Time: 12.00 noon – 2.30pm

**Venue*: 1st Floor, Brittany House,
New North Road, Exeter, EX4 4EP** Tel -
01392 412525 (see last page for travel info.)

Our speaker will be Peter Burkill.

“How I've moved from full time work to 'retirement' and how I'm giving something back to the community”.

Public transport travel expenses will be reimbursed and light refreshments will

be provided if you let us know you are coming. ucu.swest@gmail.com

Newsletter: A termly newsletter for retired UCU members is sent to all branch members for whom we have email addresses.

Email addresses: UCU encourages us to use our home email when we retire.

Are you getting all the info?

If UCU HO has your email you should also receive regular updates on campaigns from UCU head office as well as occasional branch emails.

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2. What are you doing now?

In our May 2018 newsletter was a letter from Terence Bickford, a SW RMB member suggesting that, in addition to specific union matters, we include information about educational opportunities that abound for retired members.

We know that there are branch members who have continued in retirement to explore not only their own subject, but branched out into other interesting areas.

The AGM 2019 agreed that we ask our members if they would like to write something for the newsletter and/or give a presentation to a branch meeting.

Mike Broussine spoke at our June 2019



meeting which was serendipitously in Volunteers Week. Mike's experience lies mostly in public services and the voluntary sector. This is part of the material

that he shared with us.

Positive benefits of volunteering

Volunteering is the most visible expression of promoting solidarity and facilitating social inclusion, building social capital and producing a transformative effect on society.

It contributes to the development of a thriving civil society enabled to find innovative solutions to common challenges and issues. Furthermore, it is a source of economic growth, a pathway to integration and employment, a positive outcome in itself and a mechanism for improving cohesion. Volunteering also contributes to reducing economic, social and environmental inequalities. Hence, an investment in volunteering is an investment in society's social cohesion. For these reasons, the value of volunteering needs full recognition as

creating a sense of European identity and active citizenship, contribution to public good, human and social capital. (*Measuring the Impact of Volunteering*, Volonteuropa, March 2018)

Potential unrepresentativeness of volunteers

Local Government Association, *National Census of Local Authority Councillors 2018*, May 2019

- 45 per cent of councillors were retired
- 63 per cent of councillors were male, and 36 per cent female;
- The average age of councillors in 2018 was 59 years;
- 15 per cent were aged under-45 and 43 per cent were aged 65 or over.
- 96 per cent described their ethnic background as white;
- 88 per cent described their sexual orientation as heterosexual or straight;

Peter Burkill is our speaker on October 14th 2019.

Peter Burkill here. I live on Dartmoor with my wife and two Springer Spaniels.

Background: My professional training is as a biologist and I am an Emeritus Professor at the University of Plymouth. When I retired I transferred from UCU Plymouth to the SW RMB. I continue, in a voluntary capacity, to work for the International coordination of large scale projects in Ocean Science.

Retirement for me now allows me to spend longer on my passion – photography. My photographic interests stretch back some 50 years and during this time it is fascinating to consider how photography has changed. Decades



ago, I recall the excitement of watching images appear in the developing tray in the dim red light of a darkroom; it seemed like alchemy. Since retiring recently, I now spend more time photographing, exploring and demonstrating the beauty of the living natural world. My main interest is birds but I photograph any aspect of the natural environment. I enjoy lecturing - reflect on my professional training - and relish sharing my views on the natural world. To me, I enjoy both the beauty of the living things but I also find that photography allows me to reflect on the adaptation, the behaviour, the ecology and the evolution of the natural world. It is "art meets science" and working across this interface that gives me a huge buzz!

<https://www.peterburkillphotography.com/index.html>

I hope to meet you at the October 2019 SW RMB meeting in Exeter, Devon.

Peter Burkill SW RMB

3. National Pensioners Convention

Some of you will already be individual members of the NPC.

<https://www.npcuk.org/join-us-and-get-involved>

In this branch we are affiliated to Western NPC and Devon and Cornwall branches.

Item 13 in this branch newsletter is a report of a NPC Conference Transport Working Group. It may be of interest.

Your branch delegates to NPC are

Ruth, Tom, Barbara and Liza



The annual **Pensioners' Parliament** is widely regarded as one of the most important activities in the pensioner movement's calendar. The **2019 Pensioners' Parliament** took place at the Blackpool Winter Gardens from 11-13 June 2019.

Here is a link to a report:

<https://www.nuj.org.uk/documents/npc-pensioners-parliament-2019/>

NPC Transport Conference:

Getting About As You Get Older

Date Wednesday 18 Sep 2019 - 11:00 to 15:30

At a London venue. More info here:

https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/75333b_4d7ba55260684eab82aed5ac202712e8.pdf

NPC GAS press release 29/08/2019

Climate change unites the generations

A recent United Nations report on global warming and biodiversity warns that: 'Nature is declining globally at rates unprecedented in human history – and the rate of species extinctions is

accelerating, with grave impacts on people around the world now likely' Billions of people already suffer from the problems created by climate chaos. Around the world we see the growing threats of water shortage, food scarcity and toxic air pollution. Climate-related poverty is a reality.

There is a growing mood for change amongst young people and the media have rightly focused on the concerns and views of energetic young climate protestors. By contrast the media often portrays older people as a materially privileged generation unwilling to give up their lifestyle of unsustainable consumption. The National Pensioners Convention (NPC) is challenging the artificial intergenerational divide between young and old and rejects the idea that 'pensioners have escaped the last five years of austerity and deliberately accumulated wealth at the expense of the younger generation'. The UN warns that if we continue to ignore the current crisis we face an unprecedented level of disruption within our lifetimes. The survival of the whole human race depends on 'rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented change in all aspects of society'. The climate crisis will not bypass the older generation.

We have to change course now or face catastrophic consequences. Older people do not want the young to inherit an uninhabitable world. All ages from young children to pensioners in their nineties came together during the colourful and creative events in London organised by the direct action group Extinction Rebellion to disrupt traffic and provoke politicians to start listening. As a result of this pressure the UK has become the first

country in the world to declare a climate and ecological emergency.

Complacency and inaction are no longer options for young or old. All generations can join striking school students outside their schools to protest against climate change. We can support pressure groups campaigning to ensure we meet the targets set by international agreement such as the Paris Climate Accord. We can campaign for sustainable energy and development goals by supporting calls for a 'green new deal'. This economic plan could create a million climate jobs improving the environment, developing public transport and insulating our homes.

We only have one planet. We must all become protectors of the Earth. The generations united together are a powerful force for change.

Ruth Amias SWRMB

4. Trades Councils



Trades Union Councils bring together unions to work and campaign around issues affecting working people in their local workplaces and communities. Our branch has delegates to Exeter, Bristol, Gloucester, Torbay, Taunton & N. Somerset and Plymouth. The TC reps reports are distributed in the branch minutes.

Tony Staunton is our most recent member to volunteer to be a branch TC delegate. Tony says *“I sent the UCU motion regarding 20th September to Plymouth Trade Union Council, who passed it unanimously, are liaising with me for workplace leafleting and co-ordination with the leaders of the local school strikes. I was an active member and the secretary of the Council for many years and they have recently invited me to their monthly meetings.”*

Tony is active with the Campaign against Climate Change Trade Union group <https://www.cacctu.org.uk/> nationally, and continues as an environmental activist in Plymouth, attending weekly XR meetings and helping to organise the walk-outs on 20th September as agreed by the UCU National Executive.

Liza Sentence SWRBM

inequalities. The theme that had most resonance with our book club was the importance of protecting and defending liberal democracies and the hopes we share, and the need for vigilance if we are to avoid the grave danger of indifference, resort to cynicism or trust the fantasies of populists. It will be obvious to readers why we responded to this theme at this time.

Inevitably, most of the speeches were made by men so, as my favourite quote I choose, ‘Barack Obama may be the best male speaker in living memory and the second best speaker in his own family.’ It was Michelle Obama who coined the phrase, ‘When they go low, we go high’. We recommend this book highly. If you are a member of a book club, you are guaranteed a scintillating discussion.

Alison Delyth Bristol

5. Book Corner.

Our book club recently read **‘When They Go Low, We Go High’** – speeches that shape the world and why we need them. **Philip Collins**, who was one of Tony Blair’s speech writers, delivered on this bold claim. The book looks rather formidable but we managed this by agreeing we each chose one of the speeches from each of the five sections – Democracy, War, Nation, Progress and Revolution. The choice is diverse, from Cicero to Castro, from Elizabeth I to Barack Obama. Collins provides the historical/political context for each speech and explains, in a very accessible way, why the speech was effective and how the speaker employed the skills of rhetoric. There are various recurring themes. He highlights how many great speeches are linked to great injustices – slavery, apartheid, gender

6. West Country Union Champions.

Nigel Costley SW TUC looks back at some inspirational characters from the South West. Robert Knight, John Prior and Margaret Bondfield feature in this newsletter.

Devon-born **Robert Knight** became an angle ironsmith during the construction of Brunel’s Royal Albert Railway Bridge across the Tamar. He got a job in the dockyard at Devonport in 1857 where he became involved with the Boiler Makers and Iron and Steel Builders’ Society, and was elected general secretary in 1870, representing the union on the Labour Representation League and the TUC. The Boiler Makers eventually joined the General and Municipal Workers in 1982 to form what is now the GMB.



Photo: Royal Albert Bridge by Geof Sheppard - Own work, CC BY-SA 3.0,
<https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=6554012>

Plymouth carpenter **John Prior** led the local Joiners' Society, whose demands for better conditions led to a lock-out. His handling of the dispute enhanced his reputation and he was elected to the General Council of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners. He became general secretary in 1871.

Former millworker **Margaret Bondfield** was the first female cabinet minister in Britain. Born in Chard, Somerset, she began an apprenticeship at the age of fourteen in a draper's shop in Brighton and soon got involved in the union. In 1896 the Women's Industrial Council commissioned her to investigate the pay and conditions of shop workers. In 1898 she was elected assistant secretary of the Shop Assistants' Union and in 1908 became secretary of the Women's Labour League. She was president of the TUC General Council in 1923. The same year she was elected Labour MP for Northampton but lost her seat a year later. She won again in 1926, in a by-election in Wallsend. She was appointed Minister of Labour by Ramsay MacDonald in 1929, the first woman to be a cabinet minister. She supported cuts in unemployment benefit to eight shillings a week, earning her the nickname 'eight-



Photo:
https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Margaret_G._Bondfield,_c._1904.png

bob Maggie'. After she lost her seat in the 1931 general election she became chair of the Women's Group on Public Welfare. She also wrote a number of books including: *Socialism for Shop Assistants* (1909), *Why Labour Fights* (1941) and *A Life's Work* (1949).

Nigel Costley SW TUC

7. From the Archives.

I was intrigued to discover the name of Margaret Smeaton * in the pages of the Dundee Courier and Advertiser as being secretary of the Dundee and District Mill Operative Union at what seemed a very early date for a woman. What caught my eye was her involvement in to a court action in July 1894 which involved a disgruntled union member. That case seems to have settled amicably. By 1903 there is reference to the union office in Ireland Street, Dundee.

The union came into existence in 1885 and its membership was predominantly female, although it had as its honorary president Reverend Henry Williamson, minister of the Dundee Unitarian Church;

Margaret taught in the Sunday school there.

She trained as a teacher and in a 1924 interview in the local paper she is quoted as having taught both in England and Scotland.

According to the 1861 census she certainly taught at Baldovan, then a little way out of Dundee when she was 19 years old. This was an institution catering both for those with learning difficulties and for those described in the census as orphans. I can only imagine how challenging that job must have been.

An obituary in the local paper says that she was still actively carrying out her duties as late as a week before her death in June 1924: a life of service.

Katharine St John Conway, otherwise known as Mrs Bruce Glasier, was the daughter of a congregational minister in Walthamstow who married John Bruce Glasier in 1873.

Photo: Katharine St John Conway.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Katharine_Glasier#/media/File:Katharine_Glasier_0001.jpg



She was a prominent member of the Fabian Society, and both in her own name, and in her married name toured the country lecturing to branches of the newly created Independent Labour Party, on many occasions jointly with her husband who died in 1920. She was a prolific writer of books and pamphlets to do with Socialist principles.

Speaking to a local reporter of the Shields Daily News of 19 June 1931 she remembers her first visit to Ashington in 1892 to where she had returned to lecture. In 1892 she had been there as an Honours graduate of Newnham college Cambridge as a lecturer for the Fabian society. She speaks of her disgust at local conditions and of the “reek from the ever burning pit heap combined with the waste of the then hideous open ash pit system” which together with statistics of appalling infant mortality set me ablaze with indignation”. She finally arraigned the local Medical Officer of Health for murder, and with the help of the local press salutary improvements were set going! Her voice speaks loud and clear through the pages of the paper, and one can almost hear to this day her indignation.

Together with her husband who died in 1920 they visited branches and gave lectures as far apart as Houghton le Spring, Ipswich, Derby, and Motherwell to name but a few.

In their own ways, they represent those who fought for freedom of speech and a better quality of life for all.

*British Newspaper Archive.
<https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>

Verna Hardingham Rugby

8. Supporting workers and their union with digital campaigns.

Megaphone UK is a project of the TUC, in collaboration with our 48 member unions and the nearly 5.5 million union members in the UK. Megaphone supports unions to start and run campaigns to make our workplaces and communities fairer.

Working people joining together can change things. For more than 150 years, unions have fought for safer workplaces and wages you can build a life on. And today we're needed more than ever to make sure every job is a decent job and everyone at work is treated with respect.



Whether it's on the picket line, marching at a rally or signing a petition, we know big change only comes when we stand together.

Megaphone UK works in partnership with the Australian iteration of the platform, [Megaphone.org.au](https://www.megaphone.org.au) hosted by Victorian Trades Hall Council.

<https://www.megaphone.org.uk/>

Jo Corke SW RMB

9. In The News.

In the News is a regular post on the UCU website. <https://www.ucu.org.uk/news>

10. Trades Union Council campaign.

Update: NHS Co-funding and Co-payment Bill 2017-19.

Co-payment is currently used for dental treatments, eye tests and prescription charges.

MP Christopher Chope (Conservative) has introduced the NHS Co-funding and Co-payment Bill which perhaps because other business has been taking parliamentary time, has yet to be given a date for the 2nd Reading. <https://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/nationalhealthservicecofundingandcopayment.html>

11. Teachers' Pensions | For Members

My Pension Online is the Teachers' Pension online portal designed to help you manage your pension more efficiently.

<https://www.teacherspensions.co.uk/members/faq/my-pension-online/my-pension-online.aspx>

12. The Universities Superannuation Scheme <https://www.uss.co.uk/>

is one of the largest principal private pension schemes for universities & other higher education institutions in the UK. Their website seems well-designed and there is a section for Retired members.

13. Report of Barnsley Transport Conference Saturday 1st June 2019

The Conference was organised by the Yorkshire and Humber Pensioners' Convention, which has established a Transport Working Group. The focus was particularly on improving bus transport. It was held at the Barnsley Civic which is a short and convenient walk from Barnsley Bus and Railway stations. The organisers had hoped for about 30 people, but around three times that number attended and the room was full to capacity. Conference participants included members of pensioners' groups, trade unions and disability rights activists. The Conference was opened by the Mayor of Barnsley, Councillor Pauline Markham, who stayed for the morning session and listened to the debate. Councillor

Markham remarked that bus transport was very important for members of her union, USDAW, in travelling to and from work.

Morning Plenary

The first speaker was Natalie Bennett of the Green Party. She spoke of a collapse of public transport facilities. In South Yorkshire since 2014 the number of bus services has been reduced by a quarter. For many families bus travel is more expensive than using the car. Everyone should have access to a public transport service which is cheap, reliable and convenient. Two thirds of job seekers do not have access to a car, so if there is no suitable public transport, they cannot take up job offers. Society is organised too much on the assumption that everyone will drive. This is not realistic in the context of a climate emergency. There is an air pollution crisis. Electric cars contribute to air pollution through particles from tyres and breaks which enter the lungs. The future of transport must be public transport. London is better provided with public transport than the rest of the UK. Buses in London have always been regulated. More bus journeys take place in London than in the rest of the UK. Changes are needed in transport to save the planet and to give everyone a better quality of life.

The second speaker was Jeff Turner, who is a consultant in Transport Studies at the University of Leeds. He spoke about a House of Commons Select Committee Report on Transport, which acknowledges some of the problems with public transport provision. He raised the question of who pays for public transport. In the case of buses, the state pays for 40% of bus costs and the rest are paid by passengers. The bus companies are

making 10% to 15% in profit. There is legal provision for local authorities to take bus companies back into public ownership. First Bus has been put up for sale.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/transport-committee/news-parliament-2017/bus-strategy-report-published-17-19/>

Jan Shortt, General Secretary of the National Pensioners' Convention, was the third speaker in the morning plenary. She reported that the Government is removing the subsidy from Local Authorities which funds concessionary travel. Rather than removing the bus pass directly they are undermining the system by reducing the number of available buses. UNITE the Union is raising this issue in terms of loss of jobs and public transport. The national concessionary pass operates differently in different parts of the UK. It is different in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and bus passes from one country cannot be used in another. There are also different concessions in different parts of England, which affect factors like times when the bus pass can be used. The cost of the bus pass is £1.17 billion per year, but every £ spent on the bus pass generates £2.87 as bus passengers contribute to the economy. Bus pass users have better physical and mental health than older people who travel less and so there is a saving to the NHS. Isolation and loneliness constitute costs to the NHS. It's important to remember too that many pensioners do pay taxes, around £60 billion in total per year.

For various policy documents, research reports and press briefings, see www.natpencon.org.

The final speaker in the morning plenary was George Arthur of the South Yorkshire Freedom Riders. He recounted the history

of the resistance staged by the South Yorkshire Freedom Riders to cuts in the benefits associated with the national concessionary pass. When the bus pass was first introduced in 2008 some local authorities added extra concessions, such as longer hours or free local rail travel. Five years ago, these concessions were removed in many areas. A public meeting about the cuts was called in Barnsley and 300 people attended. The Freedom Riders rode without paying on the trains between Barnsley, Sheffield and Doncaster, holding protests at Meadowhall. After six weeks some concessions were won, including free rail travel in the area for disabled people and half price rail travel on production of a pensioner bus pass. Some other concessions have also been given by transport authorities in response to lobbying, including free travel with a bus pass for hospital appointments before 9.30. The work of the South Yorkshire Freedom Riders shows that popular protest can stop or reduce cutbacks to public services.

In discussion conference participants spoke about problems of public transport but also good examples from some parts of the world. Users of mobility scooters reported problems in taking scooters on trains and other forms of public transport. Disability rights activists spoke of continuing support for the South Yorkshire Freedom Riders. Disabled passes only last until the disabled person reaches state pension age. Then they transfer to a senior pass, but if this has fewer benefits than the disabled pass then they lose out. Unions representing workers at the Northern General Hospital in Sheffield, which employs several thousand staff, reported that bus

timetables do not work for staff who are working 7-7 shifts. There were calls for all public transport to be brought back into public ownership. There was also support for the provision of free transport.

Jan Shortt spoke about the House of Lords Report on Intergenerational Fairness. <https://www.parliament.uk/intergenerational-fairness>

This report reflects the thinking of the Resolution Foundation, a thinktank which argues for cutting benefits for the elderly on the grounds this will be fairer to younger people. Some of the suggestions in this report include a five-year delay from retirement (at age of 67) until pensioners become eligible for a bus pass and the winter fuel allowance, all pensioner benefits to be taxable and means testing of the free TV licence for over 75s. Future pensioners need to take up the struggle so that pension benefits still exist when they reach retirement age. Natalie Bennett stated it is important to avoid a blame culture around environmental issues (transport, plastic, diet etc.) Green policies should be about making life better for people, not a reduction in living standards. She attacked means testing and said we must argue for public transport as a public good.

Afternoon Workshops

There were four workshops, on campaigning, on a regional transport manifesto, on transport and wider issues (including environment), and rural transport. In the workshop on a regional transport manifesto there was a presentation from North Staffordshire Pensioners' Convention who in 2016 produced a manifesto on public transport. <https://bettertransport.org.uk/local-groups/north-staffs-pensioners-convention>

Final Plenary and Future Actions

Reports were received from the four workshops. The workshop on campaigning reported examples of inadequate public transport such as areas with no buses after 18.00 in the evening. The workshop on wider issues discussed a ban on cars in city centres and more integrated public transport systems. The rural transport group reported a need for more investment in rural transport. The organisers of the conference stressed it was not a one-off event, but there would be follow-up campaigning. A regional transport manifesto will be produced and a petition to bring transport back into public ownership.

14. Save Our Shops.

Save our high street

Shop workers' trade union Usdaw is campaigning for the Government to take urgent action to 'Save Our Shops' and 'Save our high streets'

Udaw (Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers) is the UK's fifth biggest and the fastest growing trade union with over 410,000 members. Membership has increased by more than one-third over the last couple of decades. Most Usdaw members work in the retail sector, but the union also has many members in transport, distribution, food manufacturing and other trades.

Udaw's 'Save Our Shops' campaign is promoting an industrial strategy for retail in three key areas:

- **Economy and community** - changing the economic framework on everything from car parking to rates, rents and reforming the tax system to create a level playing field between online and 'bricks and mortar' retailers.

- **People and productivity** - improving productivity by addressing low pay and insecure work, while giving staff a say in the future of the business they work for and on the introduction of new technology.
- **Retail jobs are proper jobs** - challenging perceptions about retail work and promoting the idea that retail jobs are 'proper jobs'. Seeking a greater focus from Government on the retail industry and ensuring shop workers are valued.

Gloucester Trade Council members have supported Usdaw activists at two Gloucester city centre events in June 2019 to meet the shopping public in Gloucester city centre to urge them to support the campaign by signing the USDAW 'Save our Shops' petition. Many people we talked to mentioned that high street shopping was an important social outing or that they did not have the technology for online shopping.

Ruth Amias SW RMB

15. Directions to [UCU SW Regional Office](#). UCU 1st Floor, Brittany House, New North Road, Exeter, EX4 4EP **Train**

Exeter St David's station is about a 20 minute walk OR use the Bus.

Central station is a 2 minute walk to the office from exiting the station. You turn right as you exit the back part of the station (do not head for the Queen Street exit) and it is just up the road from there.

Driving

Please note there is no parking on site. Should you require a disabled place then there are disabled spaces by Circa 1924 (restaurant and bar) which is opposite the office but you will need to display your disabled badge during parking. To use these spaces please use this address in

your satnav: 6 Northernhay Place, Exeter, EX4 3QJ.

Pay and Display car parks close to the office:
Howell Road carpark: EX4 4LZ

<https://exeter.gov.uk/car-parking/car-parks/zone-2-car-parks/howell-road-car-park/>

John Lewis car park: EX4 6PD

<https://exeter.gov.uk/car-parking/car-parks/premium-car-parks/john-lewis-car-park/>

Buses

From Exeter St David's railway station you can get the following buses:

Bus H which will stop in the High Street. From there walk to Waterstones and turn left where you will see a set of traffic lights Brittany House is just opposite.

Bus 5B or 6A which will stop just down the road from Brittany House

When you arrive at Brittany House please press the buzzer which says UCU and the concierge will let you into the main building.

The UCU office is signposted from there and you can either use the lift or the stairs. Once you reach the UCU office you will need to press another buzzer to be let into the UCU office.

And finally....

This arrived just as I finished drafting the newsletter, but I decided to include it and hope you enjoy it too.

<http://www.westoverward.co.uk/town-diary/dear-queen-about-these-shopping-trolleys/>

TUC SW Union News

Editors Note.

Contributions to the newsletter are welcome.

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