

Community

Winter
2024

It's a cracking evening out, Gromit!

Animation legend Peter Lord is set to star at Falmouth University's performance venue AMATA. Join us for a night with the founder and creative director of Aardman, the animation studio best known for its hugely successful stop-motion and clay animation creations.

From *Morph*, *Wallace and Gromit* and *Shaun the Sheep* to the characters of *Chicken Run*, Peter's work has been capturing the imaginations and hearts of viewers for 50 years. As a director, he has been honoured with two Academy Award nominations and five BAFTA nominations – and we're proud that he's an Honorary Fellow of Falmouth University.

Fresh from his latest comedy release, *Chicken Run: Dawn of the Nugget*, Peter will discuss his life in the creative industries, the story of Aardman and the magic of animation, followed by a short Q&A. Tickets are £6 – book today at falmouth.ac.uk/arts-centre/whats-on/50-years-of-creativity



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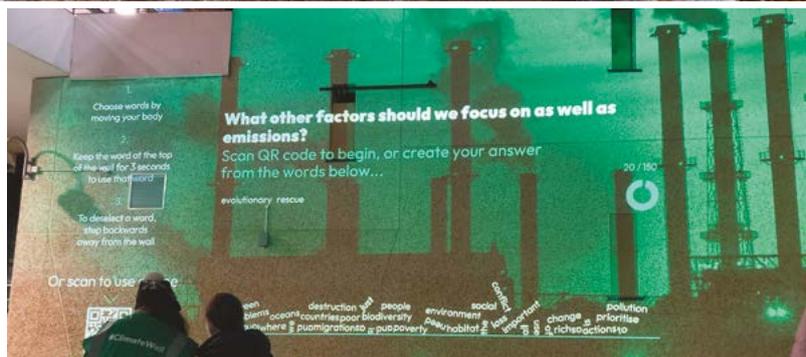


£5m research collaboration to tackle health inequalities in Cornwall

The universities of Falmouth and Exeter have joined with Plymouth University in a Cornwall Council-led project awarded £4.96m from the National Institute of Health and Care Research to tackle health inequalities in local communities.

Cornwall Council cabinet member for adult social care and health, Andy Virr said: "This will help us to accelerate research and develop innovative solutions to tackle these issues so that residents can live a healthier life."

Director of Public Health, Rachel Wigglesworth said: "Health determinants include things like employment, housing, education and the physical environment. By understanding how these factors are affecting people we can make sure that decisions made for people in Cornwall are based on what is really affecting their health and wellbeing."



Climate Wall captures thoughts on climate change

Thank you to everyone who visited the University of Exeter's Climate Wall light projection exhibit on Penryn Campus in November in the lead up to COP28. Despite the weather, we collected over 1,000 messages and thoughts on climate change from our community as the wall toured our campuses. The Climate Wall was an opportunity to reflect and share facts, findings and feelings about our planet and will be a great record to look back on.



The Princess Royal Visits Camborne School of Mines

We were delighted to welcome Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal to the Camborne School of Mines (CSM) last term. She was met by students, staff and representatives from the Cornish community for a tour of the mining school to learn more about its vital role in developing the UK's Critical Minerals Strategy, and global sustainable mining. This included visiting our state-of-the-art laboratories, the pioneering Deep Digital Cornwall exploration suite and the CSM museum.

The Princess Royal also unveiled a plaque to officially commemorate the launch of CSM's new Mining Engineering Degree Apprenticeship programme.

The visit coincided with celebrations for CSM's 135th anniversary and for 30 years of being part of University of Exeter, Cornwall.



200 schoolchildren learn about marine life

Over 200 local primary school children from years 3 and 4 visited our Centre for Ecology and Conservation in December to learn about animals in the arctic and marine life through interactive Christmas-themed science talks given by University of Exeter Postgraduate students. Subjects included Animals of the North Pole, Dinosaurs in the Snow and Gift Giving in Marine Animals.



Do you teach students aged 16-18?

The University of Exeter's Language Centre is hoping to launch some new online evening language courses for students aged 16+ and is asking schools to complete a short survey on what courses would appeal to them. If you teach post-16 students, we'd be grateful if you could let us know what you think by completing the survey here: forms.office.com/e/1QeijB35ys



New Graduate School launched at Penryn Campus

The University of Exeter has launched a new Graduate School of Environment and Sustainability which brings together experts from across the spectrum of earth and life sciences, engineering, humanities, social sciences and business to expand the interdisciplinary nature of our Masters Programmes.

Professor Brendan Godley, Chair in Conservation Science, who leads the initiative said: "Bringing our programmes and academics together will help students to understand links between the climate and biodiversity crisis, the need for critical minerals, the development of renewable energy solutions, the impact on communities and human health and new methods of doing business, in ways that are fair for people across the world."

Find out more at exeter.ac.uk/study/gses

**KELP! wins at
international film festival**

A film crewed almost entirely by students, graduates and staff from Falmouth University's Marine & Natural History Photography BA has been announced as the Best UK Short Documentary winner at Big Syn, the world's largest sustainability film festival.

Directed by graduate Caylon La Mantia and senior lecturer Anna Roberts, *KELP!* focuses on the marine plant that forms underwater forests and is regarded as an emerging super-solution due to its ability to absorb carbon, replace plastics and at the same time regenerate the ocean and its wildlife. Join Caylon and her crew on a journey under sail through Britain's rugged coastline to meet the pioneers of regenerative kelp farming. Watch the documentary at falmouth.ac.uk/news/kelp-wins-big



**ATTUNE x Aardman Animations:
New video focuses on young
people's mental health**

Young participants of ATTUNE – an arts-based project between Falmouth University and Oxford University's Department of Psychiatry as well as Universities of London, Leeds and Kent – have released the project's latest video, *Just Surviving*, highlighting the mental health struggles of young people.

The ATTUNE project is a participatory arts-based exploration of young people's mental health following adverse childhood experiences.

Just Surviving is a collaborative effort between the ATTUNE project and the renowned Aardman animations, bringing to life the invaluable insights gathered from the project's work exploring the lived experiences of individuals impacted by Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Learn more and watch the video at attuneproject.com



**New climate change
exhibition in town**



Plans are underway for a week-long climate change exhibition, featuring a programme of presentations, film screenings and guest speakers.

Falmouth University is working with the Rotary Club to stage the exhibition, which will take place at The Poly, Falmouth, from 4-9 March.



What's on at AMATA

Falmouth University's arts centre AMATA offers a programme of exciting performances and productions, here at Penryn Campus. There's something for everyone, right on the doorstep, from monthly comedy nights to fantastic live music and trailblazing new theatre and dance acts. Highlights coming up in early 2024 include...

PaddleBoat Theatre: Framed
Wed 14 Feb



Mapdance 2024
Sat 2 Mar



**Protein: May Contain Food,
May Contain You**
Sat 9 Mar



Visit our website for full details and easy booking, at falmouth.ac.uk/arts-centre

Interested in studying in Cornwall?

Falmouth University

Take a virtual tour, book a virtual event or visit us in person to see our creative courses and facilities.

Next Campus Open Day:

Wednesday 24 Jan 10.30-4.30pm

falmouth.ac.uk/experience

University of Exeter

We offer virtual and in-person opportunities to find out more about studying here and our courses.

Penryn Campus Open Day:

Saturday 2 March 10am-4.30pm for Postgraduates

Wednesday 29 May 10am-4:30pm for Undergraduates and Postgraduates

exeter.ac.uk/study

Join us for the RSPB

Big Garden Birdwatch

Our community is always welcome to come and explore our green biodiverse campuses.

We'll be recording birdlife on campus as part of the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch, where bird species and numbers will be recorded and sent to the RSPB for inclusion in its annual survey. Come along to Penryn Campus, Treliever Road on Friday 26 January (meet at the Heart Reception at 9.30am) or Falmouth Campus, Woodlane on Saturday 27 January (meet at the reception at 9.30am). Everyone is welcome. Bring binoculars if you have them.



Katie Louise, Marine and Natural History Photography BA (Hons)

Celebrating Cornish identity and culture

In early March, the University of Exeter's Institute of Cornish Studies will be hosting our annual St Piran's Celebration on Penryn Campus. This year's event aims to bring together and celebrate the work of organisations and individuals from across the Duchy that honour Cornish identity and culture in all its forms. It will feature short, diverse talks on creative, historical, and linguistic perspectives of Cornish culture and identity. This will be followed by a Cornish buffet and drinks.

Any cultural and heritage groups interested in having a free stand at the event please contact HaSS-Cornwall@exeter.ac.uk. Look out for the date at: exeter.ac.uk/cornwall/events

