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Good Books Come From Devon

A 21st Birthday Note from the Chairman

You may recall that in your last newsletter we previewed details of our 21st Anniversary celebrations. I would like to remind you of some of the details and I hope that you will share in at least one piece of our twenty-first birthday fun. Firstly there is the book, *Good Books Come From Devon*, an exercise in nostalgia and amusement with some serious articles about the changing roles of the different parts of the book trade, including book clubs. Readers Union has its own feature in this magazine-style book of over 100 large pages. If you have ever wondered what kind of people we are at Newton Abbot, or just like funny bits and pieces, it's a bargain at its published price of £1.95 and even more so at the special price of £1.50 for Readers Union members (For further information, please see this month's Statement).

Then there is our extensive programme of events. If you have not yet seen the detailed Anniversary programme or need another, send a postcard to 21st Birthday, David & Charles, PO Box 4, Newton Abbot, or telephone 0626-61121, extension 251. The highlights, again, are:

- 9 May** Great Way West Train with National Trust Paddington/Reading etc to Dartmoor, St Michael's Mount (a day truly to be remembered)
- 14 May** Richard Baker concert, St John's Smith Square, London with special seat/book/wine offer to RU members
- 5-17 May** grand Victorian weekend at Grange-over Sands, Cumbria, plus on Sunday 17th, walk across Morecambe Bay
- 21 May** John Arlott at our 21st birthday garden party in Newton Abbot, and a warm welcome for everyone

Thank you for your help in our first twenty-one years. I of course appreciate that some members have been with Readers Union much longer than that. Readers Union is older than its parent, but it is also very much part of David & Charles. Little did we realise quite what we were starting when David & Charles were born on April Fool's Day 1960.

David St John Thomas