

On Wed, Dec 17, 2025 at 2:14 PM Crofts, William <W.E.Crofts@warwick.ac.uk> wrote:

Hi all,

I'm sorry to have to tell you that I'm now having to close down WUSAT after nearly 20 years of operation. I've been waiting a long time for a promised replacement who I could hand over to, but I learned earlier this year that the university did not support the post being advertised, so I must now finally retire (I'm 75 next week!).

I've made a huge effort to trawl through nearly 20 years of WUSAT archive material and have put together a WUSAT Heritage website (www.warwick.ac.uk/cubesat). When you have time to take a look you will see that it is a considerable resource in terms of explaining what WUSAT was, the way we tried to work as a student-based prime contractor, the experience this gave to students, and in particular the important learning outcome of working to a rigorous Space Systems Engineering methodology as closely as possible.

The 'Mission' pages and team/year subpages are full of description including technical reports, papers, presentations and even submissions to ESA flight programmes, etc. **I've done my best to ensure that you are all featured**, though I'm sure you'll appreciate that some material from the very early days was not easy to access.

It's important to note that – apart from the fact I hope you enjoy looking through it – **WUSAT will continue to act as a major resource** through this website. I have received glowing tributes from the ESA Academy, Midlands Innovation Space Group, UK Space Academic Network (SPAN), and other external organisations. **They are all planning to use this as a resource and to offer it to budding university teams across the UK and Europe**. So our legacy lives on!!

You can see the website (and your part in it) at www.warwick.ac.uk/cubesat.

Sorry that I wasn't able to hand-over WUSAT and for it to go onto greater things, but it wasn't for the lack of trying over the years.

Anyway, thanks to all of you for the work you put into WUSAT when you were on it. It made a very special 20 years for me!

I know this isn't the classic newsletter, but all of my efforts have gone into the website!

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all of you!

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