



## Exmouth & District U3A

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#### 'Connect on Thursday' meetings on Zoom

The 'Connect on Thursday' meetings are available for all members up to a limit of 100 at the moment. There's no need to let anyone know before, just click or tap on this link at the time to join: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/922233864?pwd=YVBwWGZYQVXOGIxTEpjRURDMVlzUT09>.

If you don't get straight through you may instead be prompted for a meeting ID which is 922 233 864 and a password which is 313233.

If you want to try this out for the first time and are feeling unsure, please contact John Hunt.

#### Forthcoming 'Connect on Thursday' meetings:

- **'Connect on Thursday' meeting on 4th June**

**Sign on 10.15 for a 10.30 start.** News and information followed by a presentation by one of our members, **Cherida Warner**, called 'A Year from Here'. One year Cherida and Peter gave up their jobs, purchased 'Round the World' tickets, and backpacked using public transport, hostels and AirbnB. Join us to find out where they went, how they got there and what happened on the way.

- **'Connect on Thursday' meeting 11<sup>th</sup> June (our monthly meeting with external speaker)**

**10.15 for 10:30 start.** The speaker will be **David Keep** ARPS, DPAGB, FBPE, AFIAP with an hour's presentation on 'Underwater Photography – from sharks to gannets'.

David's stunning photograph of a 'Saltwater Crocodile' was shortlisted in the Sony World Photography Awards 2020

<https://www.davidkeepphotography.co.uk/latestnews/sony-world-photography-awards>

David is passionate about all forms of photography and confesses to spending far too much time doing it. Fortunately for viewers of his superb photography it is time well spent as his photographs are excellent. This is exemplified by his Sea Lions of La Paz, Mexico, a favourite of his after spending a week diving with these incredible animals. Definitely a session not to be missed.

Details of the meetings on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June are contained in the June newsletter and will also be on the website.

#### Facebook Group

We now have 114 members and numbers are rising by the day. If you tried to join and your approval is taking more than an hour or two, check that you've answered all 3 joining questions. Some don't and then Ian will message them, so look out for a Facebook message too.

Contributions from members cover a wide range of subjects and since the last Bulletin the most popular (viewed by about three quarters of members) have included information on Keeping in Touch, photos of Evening Light in Exmouth, request for Music to written lyrics and the Hairy Bikers! There's enough to keep *everyone* interested!

For something more to like in your lockdown life, why not join up now? If you have not already joined our Facebook Group, just click or tap on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/exmouthU3A/>, and click the 'Join' button to the left immediately below the top Banner Photo. You must then answer 3 questions before you're approved. This is to ensure that you agree to simple standards. If

you have any problems or want to know more, or if you have never used Facebook before and want some guidance please contact Ian McLauchlin.

### **'Together on Tuesday' - our virtual U3A cafe, every Tuesday from 10.30 am**

The numbers of you who are joining our Tuesday virtual café are growing, and last Tuesday we had the opportunity to listen to our Chair Sandy being interviewed on ExmouthAiR Radio, followed by a discussion. So why not join us just before 10.30 am next Tuesday on our U3A Facebook Group for an hour of chat and the chance to share things - perhaps a short video, some photos or something else of interest? This uses text chat, so you can either type in or dictate your views, comments, ideas, questions and whatever else you would like to share.

### **Connect and Learn website**

There is a wealth of information, features and ideas on our Exmouth & District U3A Connect & Learn website at <https://sites.google.com/view/connectandlearn>. The current topic on our home page is music. Is music important to you? How do you listen to music? Radio? CDs? Vinyl? Do you use the catch-up services or the wide variety of music playlists on the BBC (e.g. via the BBC Sounds app?) or on other Radio stations or their apps? How about music streaming services such as Spotify, Apple Music, YouTube Music, Amazon Prime – and what has been your experience of using these been? Have you discovered the wonderful Naxos classical music streaming service available free via Devon Libraries? Any comments, suggestions or additions? Please try to answer some or all of these questions so that we can learn from each other! You can post any comments on our Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/exmouthU3A/>) or email John Hunt.

### **Newsletter – June**

Watch out for our next newsletter. This will be circulated direct to you by email on 1st June and will be posted to those of you who are not on email and subscribe to the postal service. The newsletter will be put on our U3A website (along with recent previous editions) – at <https://u3asites.org.uk/exmouth/page/85222> It will also appear on our Facebook Group.

### **Computer and related problems**

Our U3A Tech Team is on hand to help members with any technical problems or issues they may have with the use of their computer, tablets or mobile phones or the use of any software or apps. The team have successfully dealt with over 30 queries so far. It doesn't matter how trivial the problem may be, the team are happy to assist you; please email or telephone John Hunt.

### **Cooking challenge**

Linda Nicholls, organiser of the Food Appreciation Group, has set up a challenge for her group and other like minded U3A groups such as Wine Appreciation, Bake and Taste etc. Along with Jill Pritchett, Linda has put together a package of information around preparing a new recipe, tasting it with a matching salad and pairing with recommended wines. Susi Aubrey has volunteered to set up a virtual discussion to compare notes, at a date in June.

In addition the Facebook group would also be a great format for posting views and photos. For more information, please contact Keith Phillips.

### **Creative Writing Competition 2020.**

The Third Age Trust is holding a creative writing competition to find the best short story from a member. The deadline is 12 noon on the 19 June 2020 and full details are available on the following website: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/learning/creative-writing-2020>

### **Contact details**

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### **Feedback**

We welcome contributions from members for the bulletin, so please forward your comments, suggestions and ideas.

Take care, stay safe and be alert.