



NEWS BULLETIN NO 11: 5th June 2020

Date for the AGM

The AGM, originally scheduled for May, was postponed when the Pavilion had to close. The Committee met this week and, having carefully considered the available options, decided that it had no alternative other than to arrange to hold this year's AGM as a videoconference, and we will be using Zoom. This will now take place on **Thursday 13th August at 10:15 for 10:30** prior to our annual picture quiz led by Nigel and Pam Day (which will also be via Zoom). This decision is based on guidance received from the Third Age Trust and Charity Commissioners.

For the first time members will be able to vote by email in addition to voting at the meeting. Only paid up members will be entitled to vote, stand for election, propose or second nominations. Further information will be sent out next week. If you wish to discuss your membership renewal, please contact Maurice Chittock, Membership Secretary (see below).

How to install and use Zoom

For advice on how to install Zoom on your device, how to use it, and what the conventions of using Zoom are, please take a look at our guide on our Connect & Learn website by clicking or tapping on this link - <https://sites.google.com/view/connectandlearn/vidocalls>. This includes reference to a very useful 12-minute video that explains how Zoom works – just click or tap on this link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOUwumKCW7M>. If you have any further queries, do contact the Tech Team (see below).

'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: *Details removed for website.*

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 11th 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.
- **'Connect on Thursday' meeting 18th June**

10.15 for 10.30 start. News and information followed by a presentation by one of our committee members, **Ian McLaughlin**, on **'A Unique Island off Morocco'**. It's best known as a holiday destination with a warm climate even in the winter months. But there's much more to Lanzarote, with its volcanic landscape, lizards, cacti, vineyards, back streets, bar musicians and markets. Museums and underground caves abound. César Manrique, Lanzarote's famous artist, lived in one. He also ensured that planning laws didn't allow high rise buildings and he promoted white plastered houses with green windows and doors to preserve the low key and rural feel of the island. A magical place, if you know where to look.

Details of the meeting on the 25th June are contained in the June newsletter and on the website.

Facebook Group

Membership has now risen to 117. The group is becoming more lively and members are starting to post their own items, which is encouraging. Many plant and flower photos, generally posted first thing in the morning, are being used as specimens for our Botanical Art group. An interesting 'What's the Bird?' quiz was posted by our Bird Watching group recently while links to concerts, musical items and other interesting ways to spend time and be entertained appear frequently.

The most popular items this last week have included clips from 'Yes Minister', exploring inside an RNLI lifeboat, a history of Budleigh, Orcombe Point and a discussion of activities by some on first release from lockdown.

For something different 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 McLaughlin.

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

Why not join us just before 10.30 am next Tuesday in our virtual café 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>. Have you looked at this recently to see the latest changes (especially on our Ideas page)? Do you find this useful or do you have any further suggestions? You can post any comments on our Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/exmouthU3A/>) or email John Hunt.

Newsletter

The June newsletter was sent out on Monday and is also available on our U3A website (along with recent previous editions) – at <https://u3asites.org.uk/exmouth/page/85222> . It is also on our Facebook Group.

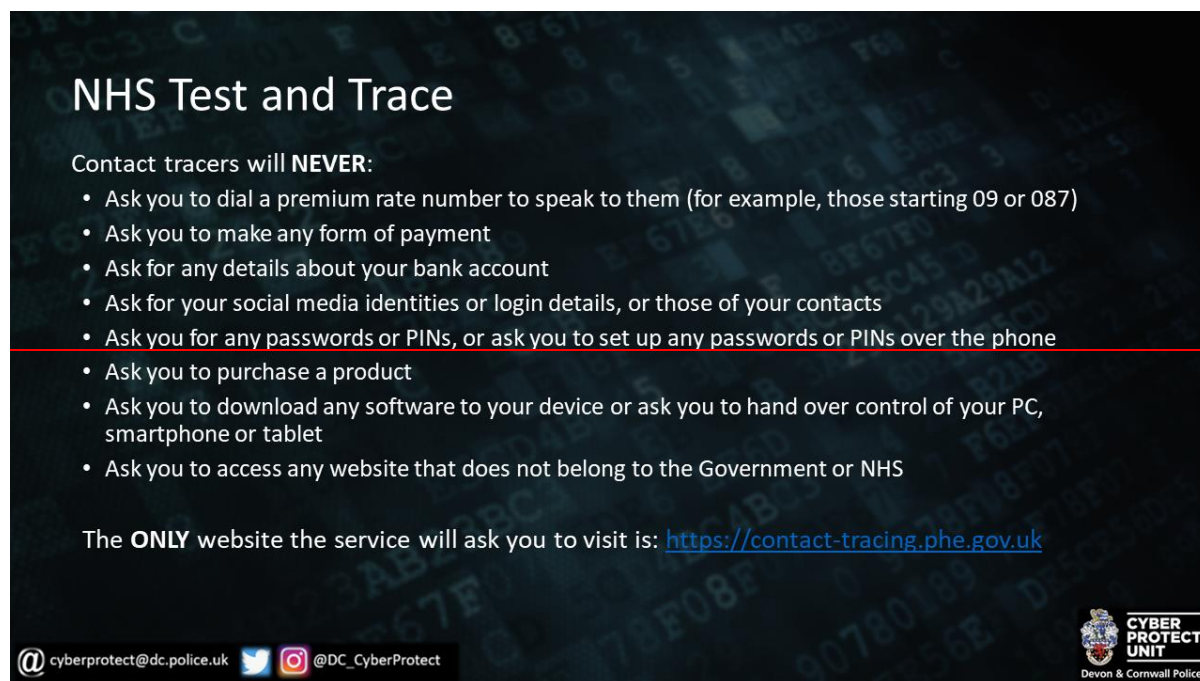
Computer and related problems

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 45 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.

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>

Test and Trace advice from Devon and Cornwall police






NHS Test and Trace

Contact tracers will **NEVER**:

- Ask you to dial a premium rate number to speak to them (for example, those starting 09 or 087)
- Ask you to make any form of payment
- Ask for any details about your bank account
- Ask for your social media identities or login details, or those of your contacts
- Ask you for any passwords or PINs, or ask you to set up any passwords or PINs over the phone
- Ask you to purchase a product
- Ask you to download any software to your device or ask you to hand over control of your PC, smartphone or tablet
- Ask you to access any website that does not belong to the Government or NHS

The **ONLY** website the service will ask you to visit is: <https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk>

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Feedback

We would welcome your comments, suggestions and ideas.
Take care, stay safe and be alert.