



## NEWS BULLETIN NO 12: 12th June 2020

### Annual General Meeting

We mentioned in last week's Bulletin that because the AGM, originally scheduled for May, was postponed when the Pavilion had to close, this year's AGM will need to be held as a videoconference, using Zoom. It will take place on Thursday 13th August at 10:15 for 10:30.

### Timetable for the AGM

- Closing date for nominations for the committee – 14<sup>th</sup> July.
- Closing date for any motions for consideration at the AGM – 14<sup>th</sup> July.
- Formal notice of the AGM - to be sent out on 17<sup>th</sup> July
- The agenda, details of nominations, voting arrangements & accounts for 2019/20 – to be sent out on 17<sup>th</sup> July
- Voting forms to be sent out before the end of July.
- Closing date for voting by email or post – 11<sup>th</sup> August.

### Nominations for the committee

All members of the committee have to seek re-election at the AGM. This year two members are standing down – the Chair and Secretary. The committee can comprise up to 12 members with a minimum of 5.

If you are interested in standing, please complete the nomination form (attached) stating if you are applying for the role of Chair, Secretary or Committee member.

### Information about committee roles

If you require further information about the committee or wish to discuss any specific positions please contact the Chair or Secretary.

### Voting arrangements

In view of the special circumstances and in accordance with advice received from the Third Age Trust and Charity Commissioners, this year it has been agreed to accept voting by email and post. The voting forms will need to be returned by the 11<sup>th</sup> August. Those present at the meeting (who have not voted before) will be entitled to vote on the day.

### Membership

Only paid up members will be able to stand for committee, propose or second nominations, and be entitled to vote. If you have not renewed your membership for this year please contact Maurice Chittock, Membership secretary, before the end of June.

### Quorum

It is a requirement that 20% of the membership should be present at the AGM or have voted beforehand. Therefore your support is essential to ensure this runs smoothly on the 13<sup>th</sup> August. If the quorum is not reached then the AGM would have to be deferred one month when no quorum is required.

Details of the AGM including the nomination forms will be posted on the website and Facebook group and included in the newsletter.

## 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>. In addition there is lots of helpful information about getting started on the Zoom webpage at <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/categories/200101697-Getting-Started>. 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 the Tech Team. If you would like to be added to the email circulation list for reminder emails about these meetings and various other related matters, please email John Hunt or sign up via the message facility on our U3A website at <https://u3asites.org.uk/exmouth/page/94037>.

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

- **'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 is 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.
- **'Connect on Thursday' meeting: 25th June**  
**10.15 for 10.30 start.** News and information, then a welcome return for one of our own members, Sheila Haycox ARPS MPAGB/AV EFIAP, with her presentation on 'The Fox Brothers' about the Coldharbour Mill at Uffculme, Devon. This Quaker company became one of the largest textile businesses in Britain in the late 19th century, employing about 5000 people. Why not come and join us and find out more about one of our local places of interest with more of Sheila's first-rate photographs from her various travels.

## Facebook Group

We now have 122 members and an increasing number are active. Favourite contributions this week have included Bystock ponds, apple blossom, blue iris, poached egg plant, downy ducklings, Lockdown culture and Coriolanus. There's a pattern here. People who are isolating need reminders of nature as well as something interesting to read or watch! And there've been plenty of all of those.

To join 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. Sometimes Facebook doesn't show that you've answered and so your approval is delayed. If this is so, look out for a Facebook message from Ian or, better still, email him (see contact details below). 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

A reminder that the June newsletter is available on our U3A website at <https://u3asites.org.uk/exmouth/page/85222>. It is also on our Facebook Group. If you have any articles or photos which you would like to include in the next edition, please send them to John Hunt before the closing deadline date for receipt of copy of **Tuesday 23 June**. We are keen to see more contributions featured in future editions please!

### 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. It doesn't matter how trivial the problem may be, the team are happy to assist you; please email or telephone John Hunt.

### Covid Advice for outdoor activities

New advice has been received from the Third Age Trust for groups planning outdoor activities. Information has been sent to group organisers and is also on the website (hot news and groups news pages).

### Contact details

- Telephone contact service for members:  
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### Feedback

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