



## Exmouth & District U3A

### NEWS BULLETIN NO 13: 19th June 2020

#### Annual General Meeting on 13th August

This is to remind you that only paid up members will be able to stand for committee, propose or second nominations, and most importantly be entitled to vote. Although the AGM will be on Zoom you do not need to attend to vote as this year voting by email or post will be possible.

If you have not renewed your membership for this year, please contact Maurice Chittock, membership secretary, before the end of June on [membership@exmouthu3a.org.uk](mailto:membership@exmouthu3a.org.uk).

#### '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: *Information removed for the 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:

- **'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.
- **'Connect on Thursday' meeting: 2nd July**  
**10.15 for 10.30 start.** Presentation entitled **'Hidden France'** by one of our own members, **Ian Bateman** FRPS MPAGB AV-AFIAP APAGB
- **'Connect on Thursday' meeting: 9th July**  
**10.15 for 10.30 start.** This will feature an external speaker, **Julian Elliott**, with a presentation on **'A Japanese Autumn'**. More information in the next bulletin.

#### Facebook Group

This Group is becoming increasingly popular and now has 128 members. There's a welcome trend developing of members asking for the identification of plants and also posting their own plant photographs. Most popular posts in the last week have been Elephant's bathtime, campanula, 'can anyone name this plant?' and coastal sunrise. But the most viewed by far were the photographs and description of large ships at anchor just off Exmouth, with 96 individual views to date. Why not join us and see what you're missing?

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 McLauchlin.

### **'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.

### **Food Appreciation Group - Summer Challenge – open to all**

Our recipe discussion will take place on **Wednesday 24th June at 10.30am** on Zoom.

If you have participated in the Recipe Challenge & made the recipe that Linda Nicholls, Group Organiser for Exmouth U3A Food Appreciation Group, posted and circulated on the Facebook Group and on our Connect & Learn website a few weeks ago and would like to join our discussion and give feedback on the recipe, here are the Zoom meeting links:-

**Topic: Exmouth U3A Food Group**

Time: Wed Jun 24, 2020 10:30

Join Zoom Meeting

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Please do not share these details with anyone. If you have any queries about joining the discussion on Zoom then please email the secretary.

If you would like to show photographs of your efforts and are not familiar with sharing on Zoom, you can email your photos to Susi who will share with the group on the day. Please email your photos to Susi by 5.00p.m. Monday 22nd June.

The Challenge is open to all 'Foodies'. If you would like to 'have a go' and missed the original post there is still just about enough time to complete the challenge. The original post, with the recipe and some notes from Linda are on our Connect & Learn website - just click or tap on this link:

[https://sites.google.com/view/connectandlearn/ideas#h.p\\_1u9Yc8jMeJ50](https://sites.google.com/view/connectandlearn/ideas#h.p_1u9Yc8jMeJ50).

### **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? We have made some additions and revamped our Ideas section on our Connect & Learn website - <https://sites.google.com/view/connectandlearn/ideas>. Please take a look to see a summary of events within our U3A, two new ideas that we can join in with, and a list of free national performances being streamed to your home. Then the contents page will guide you through what's in the rest of this section. If you have any comments or any other ideas you would like to add, please 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.

## 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).

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## Feedback

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