



Exmouth & District U3A

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Annual General Meeting on 13th August

If you wish to stand for the committee, the nomination form is on the website admin page - <https://u3asites.org.uk/exmouth/page/47654>. The closing date for nominations is the 14th July.

'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 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: 2nd July**

10.15 for 10.30 start. 'Hidden France' by Ian Bateman FRPS MPAGB AV-AFIAP APAGB, <http://www.ibateman.co.uk/ian/>. Ian, one of our members, is Chair of Exmouth Photo Group and President of the Western Counties Photographic Federation, an International photographic judge and an award winning photographer.

Discover 'Hidden France' through Ian's wonderful photos and descriptions; Ian with his wife Elaine, have visited France many times over the years, and have been to many of its well-known attractions. If you dig a little deeper though, you'll find a huge number of lesser-known locations that are off the beaten track but still well worth a visit. Ian will start with two places in Paris that you may not have been to, then travel south to the Auvergne, the Lot Valley and the Larzac Plateau, before finishing his journey in the heart of Provence. It is sure to be a superb presentation.

- **'Connect on Thursday' meeting: 9th July**

10.15 for 10.30 start. This will feature an external speaker with **'A Japanese Autumn' by Julian Elliot** - <https://www.julianelliottphotography.com/> - for an hours' presentation from France for what would have been our usual monthly meeting in the Pavilion. Take a journey to the Far East to the beautiful country that is Japan. Julian Elliott travelled to the Kansai region during November 2018 to capture the autumn leaves at their most colourful. Julian will explain how he planned his trip as well as capturing the images of this magical time of year. Julian is an award winning professional freelance landscape and travel photographer as well as an occasional writer based in the Loire Valley, France. In October 2015, one of his images was chosen as the winner of the Countryside is GREAT section of the Landscape Photographer of the Year in conjunction with Visit Britain. In October 2017 his image of Big Ben and the Shard entitled "A Shard of Ben" was commended in the Urban View category of the Landscape Photographer of the Year.

Facebook Group

We now have 135 members with 119 who are active and have posted 31 items since the last Bulletin. Favourite topics continue to be the morning botanical and local view items, both of which broaden our lockdown horizons. In addition, popular this week have been The Strand before redevelopment, a wonderful 'Welcome to Exmouth' cake, a greedy mouse and details of our 'Connect and Learn' website. There's no limit to possible topics. Why not join in and contribute your favourites?

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.

Covid 19 advice

Following the recent easing of restrictions, further advice and guidance is expected from the Third Age Trust. This will be passed onto members as soon as it becomes available.

Rebranding U3A

You may have noticed recent reports in the magazine about changes to the image and promotion of U3As. One of our members, John Smith, has produced an excellent report on this subject which is now on our website under Hot News. John has forwarded this to the TAT where it is being circulated widely and viewed with great interest.

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 further additions and revamped our Ideas section on our Connect & Learn website - <https://sites.google.com/view/connectandlearn/ideas>. If you have any comments or any other ideas you would like to add, please email John Hunt.

Newsletter

The July newsletter will be sent out next week on the 1st July. Previous editions of the newsletter for this year are available on the website at <https://u3asites.org.uk/exmouth/page/85222>. If you have any articles or photos which you would like to include in the August edition, please send them to John Hunt before the closing deadline date for receipt of copy of **23 July**.

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/videocalls>. 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.