



## Exmouth & District U3A

### NEWS BULLETIN NO 15: 3rd July 2020

#### Annual General Meeting on Thursday 13th August

Notice of the AGM was included in the July newsletter. The key dates are:

- Closing date for nominations – 14<sup>th</sup> July
- Closing date for any motions for consideration – 14th July
- The agenda, nominations, voting arrangements & accounts for 2019/20 to be sent out with the bulletin on 17<sup>th</sup> July
- Closing date for voting by email or post – 11th August

#### '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:  
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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: 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.

- **'Connect on Thursday' meeting: 16th July**

**10.15 for 10.30 start.** News and information followed by a presentation entitled '**Is the Climate of Exmouth Unique?**' by **Nick Ricketts**, one of our own members and the first Chairperson of our U3A. Nick is a former Met Office forecaster and is the organiser of our U3A Weather group. Join us for what will be a most informative session.

Details of the speakers for the meetings on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30th July are contained in the newsletter.

#### Facebook Group

Membership has now grown to 142 and, judging by the number of views by members, interest is continuing to increase. As well as the morning 'nature' posts, Ian contributes something with a slight scientific flavour from time to time in the hope that it might generate some curiosity. Favourites this week have included a family of ducks, Peter Blake's Music Hall collage, ospreys, a Centre of Gravity-seeking cat and Orcombe cliffs. The Group is attracting some prospective U3A members, so seems to be a potential recruiting tool too. Why not join the growing membership and see something different each day?

To join 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. Sometimes Facebook doesn't show that you've answered and so your approval is delayed. If this happens, 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. And if you would like to join via Facebook's videolink (called "Rooms", a new feature we discovered last time!), please make this request at the time.

### **Covid 19 advice**

The National U3A Third Age Trust have issued new guidance dated 29<sup>th</sup> June which is available on our U3A website on the Hot News page - see <https://u3asites.org.uk/exmouth/page/31640>. It covers the following topics:

- changes effective on 4<sup>th</sup> July
- meeting outdoors - groups up to 6
- meeting indoors – one other household only

It is therefore not possible for interest groups to meet indoors at present.

### **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 was sent out on Wednesday and can be viewed on the website (along with previous editions of the newsletter for this year) 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**.

As we slowly emerge from lockdown, we would like to hear what you are planning for your groups and how you are adapting to the new circumstances. 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, be alert and join us on Tuesday and Thursday.