



NEWS BULLETIN NO 16: 10th July 2020

Annual General Meeting on Thursday 13th August

The next bulletin on the 17th July will include the following information:

- Details of nominations for committee received by the closing date of the 14th July.
- Details of any motions submitted for consideration at the AGM.
- The agenda for the AGM.
- Draft accounts for 2019/20.
- Voting arrangements by email or post and also at the meeting.

It is important that members vote to ensure that the quorum of 20% of membership is achieved.

Membership Renewal for 2020

Although long overdue, we have been flexible this year due to the special circumstances. If you wish to renew or check that this has taken place, please contact the membership secretary, Maurice Chittock, on membership@exmouthu3a.org.uk.

You will need to be a paid up member in order to participate in the AGM process.

'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 from website version.*

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: 16th July

10.15 for the Presentation at 10.30. The presentation is entitled '**Is the Climate of Exmouth Unique?**' by **Nick Ricketts**, one of our 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.

The presentation will be followed by news and information.

- 'Connect on Thursday' meeting 23rd July

10.15 for the Presentation at 10.30. The presentation is called '**Asian Travels**' by **Sheila Haycox** ARPS MPAGB/AV EFIAP. <http://www.sheilahaycoxphotography.com/asia.html> A welcome return visit by Sheila, one of our members and an award winning photographer and International photographic judge. Sheila's excellent photos are always worth seeing.

The presentation will be followed by news and information.

Details of the presentation on the 30th July are contained in the recent newsletter.

Facebook Group

We now have 144 members (what used to be called a gross!), and it's been an excellent week for member contributions. There've been follow-ups to the 'Connect on Thursday' France talk, walking for Hospice Care, the Chinese Shuffle Dance and swan family on the Otter. If you can extend that variety even further, why not give it a go? There are bound to be others who share your interest or are even keen to broaden their own horizons.

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.

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 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 deadline date for receipt of copy of **23 July**.

As we slowly emerge from lockdown, we would like to hear from organisers about 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.